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REMARKS

Attached herewith is a copy of the International Search Report of
May 13, 2004. In this Search Report, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,092,335; 5,189,369 and
5,391,989 were cited in Category A along with an article by Redpath et al and an
30 article by Lee et al. Copies of these two articles and three U.S. Patent are attached
herewith. Also cited in the Search Report, in Category X, is an article by Speck et
al. A copy of that article is also attached herewith. In addition, an article by Dreher
et al and European Patent Application 1 288 670 A were cited in Categories P and

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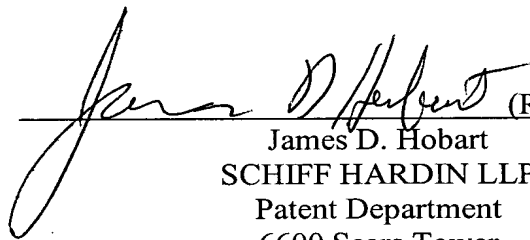
On page 10 of the German-Language Application, an article by Pruessmann et al was cited. On page 16, an article by P. Van Der Meulen et al was cited. On page 19, an article by Pohmann et al was cited. Copies of these three articles are also attached herewith for the Examiner's review.

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